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The American Ambassador to the Panamanian Minister of Foreign Relations

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 418

Panama, March 27, 1956

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to the two visa agreements now in existence between the Governments of the United States of America and the Republic of Panama, one agreement which has been in effect since January 1, 1949, as a result of the Foreign Minister's note D. P. 2010 of October 27, 1948 and the Embassy's note 84 of November 5, 1948,² which provided for the extension of the validity of visitors visas of citizens of the two countries from twelve (12) months to twenty-four (24) months and that such visas would be issued gratis; and the other agreement which has been in effect since July 1, 1949, which provided for any number of applications for entry by the bearers of diplomatic and official visas, due to the exchange of the Embassy's note of March 16, 1949 and the Foreign Ministry's note of June 14, 1949.³

As a result of conversations between representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Relations and the Embassy in an endeavor to encourage and further facilitate the travel of the citizens of the United States and the Republic of Panama between the respective countries, I propose to Your Excellency's Government that on and after May 1, 1956 qualified citizens of the United States and qualified citizens of the Republic of Panama seeking to enter the United States and the Republic of Panama, respectively, as non-immigrants will be granted gratis visas which in certain cases may have a maximum validity of forty-eight (48) months.

If your Excellency's Government agrees, I propose that on and after May 1, 1956 eligible citizens of either country who upon application are found to be entitled to nonimmigrant classification be issued gratis visas as indicated in the appropriate category and for the period of time as shown in the following schedule :

¹ Came into force on 1 June 1956, in accordance with the terms of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 89, p. 27.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 89, p. 37.

Category	Visa symbol	Fee	Validity of visa	Number of times visa may be used
Ambassador, public minister, career diplomatic or consular officer, and members of immediate family	A-1	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Other foreign government official or employee, and members of immediate family	A-2	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Attendant, servant, or personal employee of A-1 and A-2 classes, and members of immediate family	A-3	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Temporary visitor for business	B-1	Gratis	48 months	Multiple
Temporary visitor for pleasure	B-2	Gratis	48 months	Multiple
Alien in transit	C-1	Gratis	48 months	Multiple
Alien in transit to United Nations Headquarters District under §11 (3), (4) or (5) of the Headquarters Agreement ¹	C-2	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Foreign-government official, members of immediate family, attendant, servant, or personal employee, in transit	C-3	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Crewman (seaman or airman)	D	Gratis	48 months	Multiple
Exchange Visitor	EX	Gratis	12 months	Single
Student	F	Gratis	48 months	Multiple
Principal resident representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, his staff, and members of immediate family	G-1	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Other representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, and members of immediate family	G-2	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Representative of nonrecognized or nonmember foreign government to international organization, and members of immediate family	G-3	Gratis	12 months	Single
International organization officer or employee, and members of immediate family	G-4	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Attendant, servant, or personal employee of G-1, G-2 and G-4 classes, and members of immediate family	G-5	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Attendant, servant or personal employee of class G-3, and members of immediate family	G-5	Gratis	12 months	Single
Temporary worker of distinguished merit and ability	H-1	Gratis	Period for which employment authorized	Multiple
Other temporary worker, skilled or unskilled	H-2	Gratis	Period for which employment authorized	Multiple
Industrial trainee	H-3	Gratis	Period for which employment authorized	Multiple
Representative of foreign information media, spouse and children	I	Gratis	48 months	Multiple

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 11, p. 11.